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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2000, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Submitted herewith is: (a) Exhibit A, a marked up version of the claims showing the amendments made herein, (b) an Amendment Fee Transmittal; and (c) a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months up to and including April 6, 2001 with provision for the required fee. Applicants believe that the amendments and remarks set forth below place the case in position for allowance.

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked up version of the claims showing the amendments is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Matter that has been deleted from claims 6, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14 is indicated by brackets and matter that has been added is indicated by underlining.

Please amend claims 6, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14 as follows:

6. (Amended) A method for producing a conditionally-immortalized dorsal root ganglion progenitor cell, comprising:

(a) transfecting dorsal root ganglion progenitor cells plated on a first surface and in a first growth medium that permit proliferation with DNA encoding a selectable marker and a regulatable oncogene; and

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